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Directors : Eamonn Andrews, Lorcan Bourke, Fred O'Donovan, Dermot Cafferky

DECEMBER 4th to 16th, 1972

Dublin Grand Opera Society

presents

International Opera Season

TONIGHT :

Queen of Spades

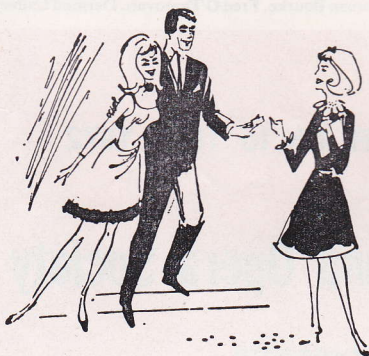
(PIQUE DAME)



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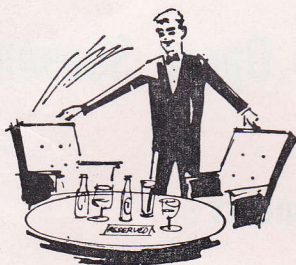
A GAIETY EVENING



FIRST ACT

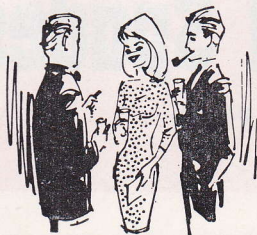
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Bars open 7.30 p.m. Order and pay for drinks for the interval.



INTERVAL

Your drinks are ready and waiting for you at your table. You're saved time and trouble.



ENCORE

Relax after the show. Have a drink. The bars are always open for half an hour after curtain fall.

FINALE

We trust you enjoyed your Gaiety evening come again!

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GAIETY THEATRE

SOUTH KING STREET, DUBLIN 2

Telegrams "GAIETY DUBLIN"

Telephone 771717

Resident Manager : JOE KEARNS

Performances commence at 7.45 p.m. except

Der Rosenkavalier 7.30 p.m.

DUBLIN GRAND OPERA SOCIETY

presents

AN INTERNATIONAL SEASON OF OPERA

FAUST

**WITH BALLET
(GOUNOD)**

THE QUEEN OF SPADES

**(PIQUE DAME)
(TCHAIKOVSKY)**

DER ROSENKAVALIER

(RICHARD STRAUSS)

Guest Artists :

HELGA ANGERSVOLD, JOAN DAVIES, MARGARET GALE, KAY
GRIFFEL, MARCELA MACHOTKOVA, RUTH MAHER,
JOHANNA PETERS, TERRY REID, WILMA VERNOCCHI,
BRENDAN CAVANAGH, BRIAN DONLON, GABRIELE
FLORESTA, ROBERT EL HAGE, HOWARD HANFORD,
JAROSLAV HORACEK, BRENDAN KEYES, ARMAND
MacLANE, ROLF POLKE, PATRICK RING, GENNARO DE
SICA, ANDREA SNARSKI, OLDRICH SPISER.

Conductors :

NAPOLEONE ANNOVAZZI, ALBERT ROSEN

Producers :

PHILIPPE PERROTTET, JAROSLAV HORACEK

Stage Director : PATRICK McCLELLAN

Resident Chorus Master and Accompanist :

JEANNIE REDDIN McDONALD, L.R.A.M., A.T.C.L.

Chorus Masters : JOHN BRADY, PETER ROBINSON

Choreographers :

PHILIPPE PERROTTET (Faust)

NADIA STIVEN (Queen of Spades)

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Musical Director THELMA RAMSEY

Directed by URSULA DOYLE

Produced by

FRED O'DONOVAN

NOW BOOKING

QUEEN OF SPADES

Amid a scene of children at play, two officers meet their comrade Herman and remark upon his unhappy appearance. To another friend, Tomsy, he confesses that he cannot curb his passion for gambling, nor escape the memory of a girl he has seen and fallen in love with. She is unknown to him even by name, but he is sure she is much above him socially. They are joined by Prince Yeletsky, who accepts congratulations upon his engagement. At this moment Lisa approaches with her grandmother the Countess, and the Prince points her out as his fiancée. She is, of course, Herman's unknown love. As the trio leaves, Tomsy tells the story of the Countess's great gambling success in her youth, attributed to her knowledge of a 'secret of three cards'. She passed it on to no one but her husband (deceased) and a lover (disappeared), because of a ghostly warning that if she told it to a third man, she would die. Herman is left alone, deploring his ill luck but determined to win Lisa nevertheless.

Lisa is entertaining Pauline and other friends with music and songs. When they leave she ruminates on her promise to marry the Prince, unsure whether she has done right. At this moment Herman appears on her balcony and insists on expressing his love for her. His passionate outburst overcomes her impulse to call for help. When the Countess appears, Lisa conceals Herman from discovery. When the Countess leaves, Lisa allows him to embrace her.

Amid the gaiety of a masquerade, Herman's friends decide to play a practical joke on him because of his abseesion with the Countess's secret. He enters with a letter from Lisa which convinces him that if he were wealthy she could be his. Following a pastoral entertainment, Lisa approaches Herman and gives him a key that will admit him to her room through a secret entrance.

Herman appears on his way to Lisa's room. The Countess enters and he hides. When her attendants have left, Herman confronts her and demands the secret of "the three cards". Shocked by his demand and the pistol he flourishes, the Countess collapses and dies. Lisa enters and finds Herman lamenting that he now will never learn the secret. She denounces him as a murderer.

Herman reads a letter from Lisa in which she regrets her hasty conclusion and begs that he meet her that night. A vision of the dead Countess appears to him and because it is her desire that he marry Lisa, confides the secret—"Three! Seven! Ace!"

Lisa awaits Herman and sings of the sad turn her life has taken. Herman appears and they exchange vows of love. He insists that she go to the gambling table with him, declaring that the secret will make him rich. This is confirmation to Lisa that he was, indeed, responsible for her grandmother's death, and in despair, she commits suicide by throwing herself into the Neva.

The Prince appears announcing that he must be lucky at cards, for he has lost his beloved to another. Herman enters and the game begins. He wins with "Three". He wins with "Seven". Now despite the pleas of his friends that he take his winnings, he stakes them all on the next draw. It is the Prince who becomes his opponent and, as Herman triumphantly cries "Ace", he answers, "No. Queen of Spades!" As a vision of the Countess appears, Herman stabs himself and falls dead

Tuesday 5th December

Thursday 7th December

Queen of Spades

(PIQUE)

(PETER ILITSCHEV)

Text by Modeste Tchaikovsky

Premiere : St. Petersburg

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

Tchekalinsky (an Officer)

Sourin (an Officer)

Herman (a young Officer)

Count Tomsky

The Countess

Prince Yeletsky

Lisa (her grand-daughter)

Pauline (Lisa's companion)

Governess

Mascha (Lisa's maid)

Tchaplitsky (a gambler)

Narumoff (a gambler)

Master of Ceremonies

PERSONS IN THE CAST

Cloe

Daphnis

Plutus

Servants, Guests, Gamblers, Children (by kind permission of the St. Petersburg Ballet)

Ballet : MARY MANDERS, ORLA DOLAN

MARIE ALTZINGER, CHRISTOBEL NELSON

Conductor : J. S. B. B. B.

Producer : J. S. B. B. B.

Time : End of Eighteenth Century.

Place : St. Petersburg.

ACT ONE

Scene 1 A Public Garden.

Scene 2 Lisa's boudoir.

ACT TWO

Scene 1 A Ball.

Scene 2 The Countess's bedroom.

ACT THREE

Scene 1 Herman's quarters in the barracks.

Scene 2 Banks of the Neva.

Scene 3 A Gambling Room.

As the music in Act Three is continuous the audience will remain seated.

Saturday 9th December

Tuesday 12th December

f. Spades

DAME)

I TCHAIKOVSKY)

ovsky based on Pushkin)

urg, December 19, 1890.

PERSONAE :

BRENDAN CAVANAGH
BRENDAN KEYES
OLDRICH SPISER
JAROSLAV HORACEK
JOHANNA PETERS
ANDREA SNARSKI
MARCELA MACHOTKOVA
RUTH MAHER
JOAN DAVIES
MONICA CONDRON
HOWARD HANFORD
BRIAN DONLON
HOWARD HANFORD

HE "PASTORALE"

TERRY REID
RUTH MAHER
JAROSLAV HORACEK

permission of the Head Master, High School)
VIN, SUSAN BYRNE, ELAINE ROWAN,
AN, PENELOPE JAMES, MARY CUTHBERT.

ALBERT ROSEN
JAROSLAV HORACEK

Chorus Master : **JOHN BRADY**

Choreographer : **NADIA STIVEN**

Sets designed by **FLORIAN BUBENIK**

built and painted at the Gaiety workshop.

Lighting by **SEAN BURKE.**

Costumes by **PRAGUE OPERA.**

e is requested to applaud only at the end of Act Three.

Spring Season of Opera

THREE WEEKS

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(MASCAGNI)

and

I PAGLIACCI

(LEONCAVALLO)

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(VERDI)

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